

A REPORT ON

Special Lecture Series 2018

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY: DIAMOND HARBOUR WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY

SPECIAL LECTURE-II [16.03.2018]

It was **March 16, 2018**. The Department of Geography, Diamond Harbour Women's University organised a "**Special Lecture**" on **Emerging issues of Environment**. Prof. Anuradha Banerjee, Professor, Centre for the study of regional Development (CSR), Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and Professor Laxmi Narayan Satpati, Professor, Department of Geography, University of Calcutta, Kolkata were invited to share their valuable opinion.

Prof. Anuradha Banerjee started her speech on '**Environmental Concern in India**' with a focus on the historical roots of evolution of environmentalism concept. She chalked out the major environmental issues in India at present juncture. While highlighting on the population dynamics issues, Prof. Banerjee stated that "India will be the super eminent in population in India in near future". Her valuable lecture embraced environmental issues of the Rural and urban areas. She identified land degradation, Poverty, over fishing as the key problems in the rural while urban environmental challenges include Population explosion, Disposal of waste, Pollution, Water Shortage, Housing, Space Constraints, Mushrooming of Slums etc. She also made an assessment of the vulnerability of Hazards, importance of Hazards mapping etc. in a very comprehensive way. Prof. Banerjee, at the penultimate phase of her lecture, cautioned us on the very issue of Global Warming and Climate Change. She urged that it's high time that we should come forward for a '**GREEN EARTH**'. In a nutshell, her speech seemed to be very appealing to the students and faculties as well.



SPECIAL LECTURE-III [16.03.2018]

In his speech entitled “**Contemporary Climate Change-A Review of Global Agenda and Local Adaptation**’ Prof. Laxmi Narayan Sathpati pin points the various facets of Climate change and its future consequences. He mentioned the nature and pattern of global temperature rise consequent upon the increased concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. He has chalked out the causes of climate change in details. Prof Satpati also raised a very crucial issue, i.e., Climate Politics at this critical juncture of climate change discourse. He stressed on the utilization of renewable energy as a remedy to the menace of Global Warming. At the second half of his speech, Prof. Satpati focussed on the issues of local adaptation of climate change with a special reference to Sundarbans, West Bengal, India. Prof. Satpati also appealed on the implementation of Rain Water Harvesting or Rain Management in no time. Very simple way of speaking of Prof. L.N.Satpati touched everyone present over there.

